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20 September 1961

Subject: Second SI Letter From Pine Tree Team

To : Chief ZACactus
Washington, D.C.

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1. The following is a fairly literal translation of the second letter written in SI, received in LCPlake from Pine Tree Team. This is the first letter Pine Tree posted, it was passed to EGFiend by Kaempfer.

"No. 1 (one) 15 June 1951, Lusen

We can say that we are well but we are not really well. Our drop was not made in "DAC" but rather we were dropped at "Malit Perollit" and all of the containers were dropped at B-8.9 3.9. We had been told by you people that the containers would be dropped after we hit the ground. The packages were thrown out right behind us.

"When we hit the ground we gave the recognition signal to the aircraft. It took about one hour for us to get together, we then decided to search the mountain for the containers. At the break of day we met a shepherd who told us not to look for the packages because they were dropped in the town and they were picked up by the Communists. We had only our pistols and radios. Not knowing what to do we took to the road and headed for "Vranisht". We met Musli Ibisin, who told us to keep moving because the pursuit troops were behind us. On May 21 we were to make radio contact, however, our radio was ineffective. We spent four days and four nights without bread and water. We then decided to search for the six friends you spoke to us about, nobody seemed to know anything about them. We then thought of crossing the "White Drin" in the direction of "Has" but the bridge was guarded. We got a boat and after going about 5 meters, the Communists spotted us; we fired several rounds from the boat then we jumped into the water. We found that our radio got wet so we returned to dry it. We got across the Yugoslav border but we ran into an Albanian-Yugoslav patrol - we exchanged several shots and then went on. We crossed the Yugoslav border and that night we crossed the "Vlashnes Bridge" which goes to "Prizren-Gjakove." We spent the night in "Zhure"; we recrossed the border at "Kortinik" and came out at "Morin" and headed for the home of Halim Rexhepit. We spent three days here looking for your six friends again. We were able to learn that after being chased they crossed into Yugoslavia. We then crossed the border again and headed for "Lusen". At "Lusen" I met my brother and here we were given food. The following have also given us food and help; Rexhep Dozuzi - Asslan Islami - Osmani Shahini.

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On the 10th of June we decided to head for "Mija e Rones" to await our supply drop on June 16, but we found that the bridge was guarded and it was impossible to go by land, so we returned to the hills of "Lusen". The bridge crossing the "White Drin" is guarded because they know we are in the area. It is now impossible to receive any drops along the "White Drin", we only have the spot at "Mija e Rones" to receive supplies. It is necessary that you designate some other areas for us to receive our supplies. We have only our pistols and five shells left so we beg of you to send us some aid soon. Send us 20 German arms and 4,000 rounds of ammo. Food and clothing is scarce, we have suffered a great deal. The Napoleons are worthless, they have no value here.

"Information we have:

➤ A. The people are dying for food; clothing is nowhere to be found; people walk around barefooted.

B. Those people who have some food will not give it out because of threats of imprisonment and of being shot.

C. The whole population is anti-Hoxha and his government.

D. The people of the north want a "Free Zone" even if it is small - if only they could be told that a "free area" exists somewhere the people would rally there.

E. The people have no love for either the Greeks or the Yugoslavs. They desire only a free and independent Albania - with a democratic government like that of America.

F. We heard from a neighbor Tahir Fajredini, (Warrant Officer) from Bicajt, who has served at Skodra, that an organization has been formed in Skodra in the Army and at an Arms Depot, under the slogan of nationalism. The name of the leader of this organization is unknown.

"We will still try to make contact with your six friends but again we beg of you to send us arms, food, and clothing. If the time comes that we become reinforced we will await directions from you.

(signed) Small Pine"

End of second SI letter from Pine Tree Team.

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